

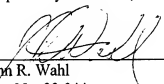
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending examination. Claims 31-90 have been withdrawn but are retained in the application pending the filing of one or more suitable divisional applications to prosecute the withdrawn claims.

Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

This response is filed within the one-month statutory shortened period for response and, therefore, no fees are believed to be due. However, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 54317-048500 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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